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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: U.S. GOALS FOR JANUARY 11 UNOCHA TSUNAMI  
DONOR CONFERENCE

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(SBU) PolEcon chief January 10 delivered reftel demarche on  
U.S. goals for the January 11 UNOCHA tsunami donor conference  
in Geneva to MFA Director for International Organizations  
Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said that Bahrain would be  
represented at the conference by its permanent representative  
in Geneva. He stated that Bahrain had pledged \$2 million for  
tsunami relief and reconstruction. The funds would likely be

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channeled through the Red Crescent Society. He noted that  
Bahraini NGOs were also raising money for the tsunami victims.

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